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SUBJ: PRESIDENT SADAT BRIEFS MRS. GANDHI ON THE ISLAMIC
SUMMIT

1. PRESIDENT SADAT SPENT ALMOST A FULL DAY IN NEW DELHI FEBRUARY
24-25 BRIEFING MRS. GANDHI AND HER FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISORS
ON THE ISLAMIC SUMMIT AND TAKING HIS BOWS FOR HELPING BRING
ABOUT PAKISTAN'S RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH. AT A DEPARTURE
PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE 25TH, SADAT PLAYED UP TO MR. GANDHI'S
UNHAPPINESS THAT INDIA WAS NOT INVITED TO THE SUMMIT MEETING
BY SAYING THAT INDIA'S 60 MILLION MOSLEMS SHOULD HAVE BEEN
REPRESENTED. SADAT ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR A PLAN WHEREBY
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SUCH AS INDIA SHOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN
OIL SUPPLIES AT A PRICE LESS THAN THAT CHARGED MAJOR INDUSTRIAL
NATIONS, BUT HE GAVE NO SPECIFICS. PRESS ACCOUNTS ALSO MENTIONED
HIS EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE FOR INDIA'S SUPPORT FOR EGYPT IN
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NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL, ASSUMPTIONS THAT SADAT HAD BRIEFED

MRS. GANDHI ON EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY'S DISCUSSIONS
WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN WASHINGTON, AND SADAT'S COMMENT
THAT EGYPTIAN PLANS TO REOPEN THE SUEZ CANAL WOULD BE OF GREAT
BENEFIT TO INDIA.

2. A FIRST SECRETARY AT THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY WHO ACCOMPANIED
SADAT'S PARTY TO THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TOLD AN EMBASSY
OFFICER THAT THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE
PRIVATE TALKS BETWEEN SADAT AND MRS. GANDHI, AND AS FAR AS
HE KNEW, SADAT HAD NOT BRIEFED HIS AMBASSADOR ON THAT MEETING.
THE SAME OFFICIAL GAVE HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE MAIN REASON
FOR SADAT'S STOPOVER IN NEW DELHI HAD BEEN TO REASSURE MRS.
GANDHI THAT THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE ISLAMIC SUMMIT HAD NOT
BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST INDIA.

3. THIS TELEGRAM BEING POUCHED TO CAIRO DUE "MINIMIZE".

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